

0 **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A composition for application to a fibrous cellulosic material, the composition consisting essentially of a triglyceride having a melting point greater than 120 degrees F, and being characterized by an iodine value between 0 and 30, the
5 triglyceride comprising an oil selected from the group consisting of soybean, corn, cottonseed, rape, canola, sunflower, palm, palm kernel, coconut, ~~cranbe~~ crambe, linseed and peanut, the composition applied in a quantity sufficient to render the cellulosic material resistant to water, the composition being dispersible in a warm aqueous solution.

10 2. (Currently Amended) The composition as described in claim 1, wherein the melting point preferably is ~~between approximately~~ from about 130 degrees F to about and 165 degrees F.

15 3. (Currently Amended) The composition as described in claim 2, wherein the melting point most preferably is ~~between approximately~~ from about 136 degrees F to about and 160 degrees F.

20 4. (Currently Amended) The composition as described in claim 2, wherein the composition is further characterized by having a viscosity of ~~between~~ from about 10 to about 200 cps at a temperature of 140 degrees F.

25 5. (Original) The composition as described in claim 4, wherein the triglyceride is preferably characterized by an iodine value between 0 and 10.

6. (Currently Amended) The composition as described in claim 5, wherein the triglyceride is most preferably characterized by an iodine value ~~between approximately~~ from about 2 to about and 5.

30 7. (Currently Amended) The composition as described in claim 5, wherein the triglyceride comprises a fatty acid, the fatty acid having ~~between approximately~~ from about 8 to about 22 carbon atoms.

8. (Original) The composition as described in claim 7, wherein the fatty acid preferably

0 is stearic acid.

9. (Currently Amended) The composition as described in claim 4, further comprising one or more compounds chosen from the group consisting of paraffins, microcrystalline waxes, stearic acid, and oleic acid, and wherein the triglyceride comprises from about 50% to about 99% of the composition.

10. (Original) The composition as described in claim 9, further comprising one or more compounds chosen from the group consisting of dispersants and surfactants.

11. (Original) The composition as described in claim 1, wherein the triglyceride is selected from the group consisting of animal fat, animal fat fractions, winterized low iodine value fat fractions, hydrogenated animal fat, stearine and soy stearine, and blends thereof.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) ~~The composition as described in claim 12,~~ A composition for application to a fibrous cellulosic material, the composition consisting essentially of a triglyceride having a melting point greater than 120 degrees F, and being characterized by an iodine value between 0 and 30, the triglyceride comprising an oil selected from the group consisting of soybean, corn, cottonseed, rape, canola, sunflower, palm, palm kernel, coconut, crambe, linseed and peanut, the composition further comprising a polymeric resin and a tackifier, wherein the tackifier is a rosin derivative selected from the group consisting of a rosin ester, hydrogenated rosin, and maleic modified rosin, thereby forming an adhesive for application to the fibrous cellulosic material, the composition applied in a quantity sufficient to render the cellulosic material resistant to water, the composition being dispersible in a warm aqueous solution.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~The composition as described in claim 12,~~ A composition for application to a fibrous cellulosic material, the composition consisting essentially of a triglyceride having a melting point greater than 120 degrees F, and being characterized by an iodine value between 0 and 30, the triglyceride comprising an oil selected from the group consisting of soybean, corn, cottonseed, rape, canola, sunflower, palm, palm kernel, coconut, crambe, linseed and peanut, the composition

0 further comprising a polymeric resin and a tackifier, and wherein the polymeric resin is
ethylene or ethylene vinyl acetate, thereby forming an adhesive for application to the
fibrous cellulosic material, the composition applied in a quantity sufficient to render the
cellulosic material resistant to water, the composition being dispersible in a warm
aqueous solution.

5 15. (Original) The composition as described in claim 12, wherein the fibrous cellulosic
article is chosen from the group consisting of paper, kraft paper, corrugated paper and
linerboard

10 16. (Currently Amended) The composition as described in claim 1, wherein the
triglyceride comprises ~~between approximately~~ from about 80 to about 100% by weight
of the composition.

15 17. (Currently Amended) The composition as described in claim 2, wherein the
triglyceride is characterized by having a saponification value of ~~between approximately~~
from about 150 mg/g KOH to about 200 mg/g/KOH.

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30 29. (Currently Amended) A composition for application to a fibrous cellulosic material,
the composition consisting essentially of a triglyceride having a melting point between
136-160 degrees F, the triglyceride being characterized by having an iodine value of
between 2 and 5, the composition being characterized by a viscosity of from about
between 10 to about 200 cps at 140 degrees F, wherein the triglyceride comprises a

0 fatty acid, the fatty acid being stearic acid, and wherein the triglyceride comprises an oil
selected from the group consisting of palm and soybean oil, the composition applied in a
quantity to render the cellulosic material resistant to water, the composition being
dispersible in a warm aqueous solution.

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